

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 filed on June 24, 2011 has been reviewed by the examiner. The examiner has adopted the positions set forth by applicant on pages 4-8 of the REMARKS filed on June 24, 2011. The instant application is regarded as being entitled to the benefit of the filing date of the provisional application of January 29, 2003.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lloyd Gall whose telephone number is (571)272-7056. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Cuomo can be reached on 571-272-6856. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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